

EPISODE OUTLINE - THE MAGICIAN (Episode 23)

Principal Characters:	Supporting Characters:	Extras:
Standard	Matt Tanya Magician Jake Scoop	Optional

SOCIAL THEME: Believing in yourself

STATION EVENT: Magic show; introducing Jake Scoop; Vickie meets Mr. Conductor.

THOMAS EPISODES: "Old Iron," and "Edward's Exploit."

PUPPET SONG: "Nine Hundred Miles"

PICTURE MACHINE SONG: Everyone has feelings, regardless of their age.

ACQUIRED FOOTAGE: TBD

CREATIVE PLAY: Simple Magic Tricks

BILLY STORY: None

RESOLUTION: Characters realize that magic is believing.

STORY OUTLINE: The story opens with the arrival of a magician, who is about Billy's age, and who was Billy's friend when they were younger. Billy recognizes the Magician in the waiting area and there is a happy reunion of two old friends. Billy reveals the Magician's background as he introduces him to Stacy and the kids: the Magician had a great act, even when he was back in school with Billy, and he left Indian Valley to find his fame and fortune. Billy recalls reading about him in the papers, and talks up the Magician's success. The kids beg the Magician to do a trick, and he reluctantly agrees; but he fails to execute this simple trick, and the kids laugh. Stacy notes that he's had a long trip and likely needs some rest. Billy and the Magician go off to the workshop.

Stacy explains to the kids that it's impolite to laugh at someone's failure. The kids protest that the Magician is an adult, and believe kids can't hurt an adult's feelings. Stacy takes them over to the picture machine and shows them a music video to underscore her point that everyone has feelings, regardless of their age.

Music video: no matter what a person's age, they have feelings.

A scene with Billy and the Magician, where he reveals to Billy that he's lost the ability to perform magic any longer. The tricks have stopped working and he can't do his act.

The Magician has returned to Indian Valley because he is at the end of the line, and has no other place to go.

Back on the main set, the kids agree that they were wrong to laugh at the Magician. But Vickie is adamant that there is no such thing as magic. The Magician has left his hat and bag of tricks at the ticket booth, and from within it comes Mr. Conductor's voice asking: "Are you sure you don't believe in magic?"

As the other kids pretend to ignore the voice, cover their mouths and laugh, etc., Vickie searches around for the source of this voice. After some further lines about make believe, and some magic tricks happening on their own (Vickie finding a coin behind her ear, and so on) Mr. Conductor pops out of the Magician's hat and introduces himself to Vickie.

Vickie remembers him as a doll from the Holiday Special, but she had always thought there was something funny about the doll, and seeing Mr. Conductor she realizes her suspicions were true. Once the introductions are made, Mr. Conductor picks up on the people of all ages with feelings theme and tells a TTE story: "Old Iron."

Now Vickie does believe in the power of magic, and the kids talk to Mr. Conductor about ways to make up to the Magician. They hit upon the idea of having him put on a show for them, and ask Mr. Conductor to use his own magic to help the Magician. Mr. Conductor answers in a vague way which suggests he will help, but he doesn't fully commit himself before he vanishes.

The town reporter, Jake Scoop, enters the station and introduces himself. He has heard about the Magician's arrival, and is looking to see if there is a story in it. The kids tell him that the Magician is going to be putting on a show later, and Jake takes down the notes.

The Magician emerges from the workshop and Jake questions him about the upcoming show. Based on the encounter, Jake concludes that the Magician is a has-been. His professional pride stung, the Magician says there will be a show, and sets a time. Jake leaves saying that he will be back for the show.

The Magician now regrets having committed himself. He wanders off to the arcade, where he tries another unsuccessful trick when no one is watching. He plays a puppet song: "Nine Hundred Miles".

After the song, the Magician sees the kids playing with his bag of tricks, and tells them to stop. They say that they want to be a Magician someday, and were only curious. The Magician shows them a few simple tricks that kids could do at home. But, although the Magician can teach them tricks, he still lacks confidence in his own abilities. (See attached Creative Play).

Once the Magician has left, Mr. Conductor returns. The kids are more doubtful than ever that the Magician will succeed. After all, they reason, he may be too old to do magic any more. Mr. Conductor says that age has nothing to do with it, and this leads into the next TTE story: "Edward's Exploit." 3

But the kids aren't convinced, and once more insist that Mr. Conductor help the Magician with his magic. Stacy joins them, and the kids explain their plan to have Mr. Conductor use his magic, which is real, to help the Magician. Stacy speaks briefly about all the different kinds of magic: creativity, storytelling, painting, etc., which is real magic in its own way.

Time passes, and people begin to gather for the show. Matt and Tanya join the group. In the workshop the Magician confesses to Billy that he can't go on. While Schemer does an opening act, which consists of a series of awful jokes, Billy reminds the magician of all the fun and excitement his act once brought into people's lives. The world needs magic, Billy tells him, and there isn't enough of it to go around. The Magician recalls the looks on people's faces, the thrill of knowing that he was entertaining them and making them laugh: and with Billy's help, the Magician remembers that these were the reasons he became a magician in the first place--to bring something magical into people's lives.

Back on the main set, Jake Scoop scribbles away mumbling about the Magician's impending failure. Stacy tells him to wait and see. The Magician emerges from the workshop and walks to the ticket booth. Vickie stops him on the way and tells him that before today she didn't believe in magic, but now she does. She wishes him good luck. This was just what the Magician needed. He gets off to a rocky start, but then his old skills return and he performs a brilliant act, which the kids attribute to Mr. Conductor.

After the act, the kids thank Mr. Conductor--but he tells him that he had nothing to do with it. The kids are confused: if Mr. Conductor didn't help him, how did he do it? Mr. Conductor repeats the theme of the show, that the Magician did it because he believed he could, and magic is believing.

With that in their minds, the kids watch the Magician leave with wide-eyed admiration: he really did bring magic into their lives.

## Magic Tricks

1. SL #10 - You have a quarter and a penny in your hand - remove the penny - close your hand and the penny is back - (you start with a penny on top of the quarter, which you remove, but there's also one beneath the quarter which flips over when you close your hand.)
2. SL #17 - Take a penny, fold a piece of paper around it, then rip up the paper and the penny is gone. As you are folding, the penny drops into your lap.
3. SL #72 - Take your "magic" fountain pen - tap it through your fist, then tap your fist and a dime appears (it was hooked under the pen's prong.)
4. SL #99 - You have a quarter sitting on the table you place a deck of cards over it and when you lift it up, the quarter changed into a penny (there's double sided tape on the backside of the box of cards which lifts the quarter up.)

*Need bigger events*

## MAGICIAN

Magic Wand: Perhaps the kids make magic wands (decorate cardboard tubes - paint, glitter etc.) in hopes of helping the magician.

Simple Magic Tricks: The kids may also "play magic" with one another - like teach one another simple little tricks. Some possibilities for this are outlined in my previous "Creative Play I" memo dated March 4, '91.

~~NINE HUNDRED MILES~~

Am

I'm a - rid - ing on this train, I've got tears in 'my eyes, Try'n' to read a  
let - ter from my home. If this train runs me right, I'll be

G

home by Sat - ur - day night, 'Cause I'm nine hun - dred miles from my home.

*Chorus*  
E7

Am

And I hate to hear lone - some lone - some train a - whis - tle  
long lone - some train a - whis - tle

1. Am

blow. It's that down.

2. Am

Well, the train I ride on is a hundred coaches long,  
You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles.  
And the lonesome whistle call is the mournfullest of all,  
'Cause it's nine hundred miles from my home.

Well, I'll pawn you my watch and I'll pawn you my chain,  
Pawn you my gold diamond ring.  
If that train runs me right I'll be home Saturday night,  
'Cause I'm nine hundred miles from my home.

If my woman says so, I'll railroad no more,  
But I'll sidetrack that wheeler and go home.  
If that train runs me right I'll be home Saturday night,  
'Cause it's nine hundred miles from my home.

Missing  
(parts 4, 5, 6, 7)  
+ 8

clarify the magical  
problem (and  
recovery)

illness?

old age?

out of practice?

## **SHINING TIME STATION**

### **EPIS. 23 "GOOD OLD FEELINGS"**

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SCENE 1  
(MAINSET)

(THE USUAL BUSTLE AT THE STATION.  
PASSENGERS COMING AND GOING; STACY  
POSTING NEW TIMES; BILLY COMING  
FROM HIS SHOP WITH A REPAIRED SIGN  
TO HANG OUTSIDE. THEY WAVE TO EACH  
OTHER. BILLY WAVES TO THE KIDS,  
KARA AND DAN WHO ARE BY THE LOST  
AND FOUND)

(INT: LOST AND FOUND)

(THEY WAVE BACK)

KARA:

Can you hear it?

DAN:

No.

KARA:

Listen...

V.O:

Yes...good...bravo...  
excellent...wonderful...

DAN:

I hear it....

V.O:

That's it...again...  
bingo..... zowie top  
notch...cracking..well  
done...splendid...

(THEY FOLLOW THE SOUNDS AND IT  
BRINGS THEM TOWARDS AND OPEN BOX.)

(DAN STARTS TO LOOK IN THE BOX. A  
RED RUBBER BALL HEADS OUT AT  
DAN--HE REARS BACK--AND THE BALL  
SNAPS BACK INTO THE BOX. IT COMES  
AT HIM AGAIN AND BACK, AND AGAIN  
AND BACK. IT STOPS. DAN AND KARA  
LOOK IN.)

(THEIR POV:)



like the famous 3D  
scene in "The House of Wax"

SCENE 1: (CONTD)

(MR CONDUCTOR IS IN THERE WITH A PADDLEBALL. HE IS UNRAVELING THE ELASTIC BAND THAT HAS BECOME TANGLED.

MR. C:

Hello you two. Look what I found. I used to be quite good at this you know. I once did more than 500 paddles in a row. But the band snapped and I lost the ball. It turned up later posing as a meatball in my father's spaghetti.

*rubber band broke*

(MR. C STARTS AGAIN.)

MR. C:

There are two more here. You should give it a try.

(DAN AND KARA REACH IN AND TAKE OUT THE PADDLE BALL MALLETS AND TRY)

DAN:

(HAVING TROUBLE)

How do you do it?

(MR C IS SEATED ON THE EDGE OF THE BOX NEXT TO DAN)

MR. C:

I think it's all in the wrists..maybe it's in the arms or then again, it could be in your neck. Try sticking out your tongue a little bit...you're getting it.

(DAN SHOWS SOME PROGRESS. KARA IS DOING IT AS WELL.)

SCENE 1: (CONTD)

MR. C:

Keep at it. That's it...  
You'll do it. I must get  
back to my own practice.

(HE JUMPS DOWN BACK INTO THE BOX)

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missing

SCENE 2: (CONTD)

BILLY:

This is Kevin Noles but  
he's much better  
known as MR MAGIC.

(THEY ALL EXCHANGE GREETINGS)

STACY:

Mr. Magic..I've heard of  
you.

BILLY:

Of course you have heard  
of him. He is a great  
magician. We were  
children in school  
together. And even back  
then, as a little boy,  
he could make wonderful  
magic.

STACY:

Have you been traveling?

MR MAGIC:

Yes. I've been in Europe.

DAN:

Did you meet Kings and  
Queens?

MR MAGIC:

I met the Queen of  
Rumania.

BILLY:

The Queen of Rumania...  
Does she like trains?

MR MAGIC:

Very much. She builds  
models of them in the  
basement of her castle.

? ?  
name a mythical  
place (Shangrila)  
at least not a  
country

? ? what purpose?

SCENE 2: (CONTD)

BILLY:

Good. I like this Queen.  
She would be welcome  
here.



KARA:

Could you show us some of  
your magic?

MR MAGIC:

Well, I don't know...

STACY:

Oh please just a few  
tricks. The kids would  
love it.

MR MAGIC:

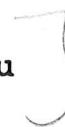
I've had a long trip.



(Showing first signs of lack of confidence)  
You must be disappointed

BILLY:

How can you deny us a  
show of your talents. You  
must share your gift.



too pushy



Yours talents is a  
gift - please  
share this gift  
with us

DAN:

Please...

MR MAGIC:

(RELUCTANTLY)

Well...alright..why don't  
you all sit down over  
there...

(THE KIDS SIT ON THE ARCADE STEPS.)

(HE TAKES OUT THE SILVER RINGS. HE  
APPEARS UNCERTAIN ABOUT HIMSELF)

MR MAGIC:

Will you please examine  
these, making sure they  
are solid and there are  
no openings...

SCENE 2: (CONTD)

(HE HOLDS OUT THE RINGS FOR THE KIDS TO EXAMINE. HE BRINGS THEM TOGETHER BUT THEY FAIL TO LINK. AND THEY FALL TO THE FLOOR)

MR MAGIC:

Well, let's try something else...

(HE GETS A LONG PIECE OF STRING AND CUTS IT AND CUTS IT BUT FAILS TO REATTACH IT. THE PIECES ALSO DROP TO THE FLOOR)

(NOTE: OF WHATEVER IS APPROPRIATE TO THIS MAGICIAN'S ACT)

DAN:

He's funny...

STACY:

Shhhhhhhh.

KARA:

He's awful.

(ANOTHER BOTCHED BIT. KARA AND DAN BOTH LAUGH)

BILLY:

Kevin..come and I will show you around our station...

(BILLY LEADS A DEJECTED MR MAGIC TOWARDS THE OFFICE)

STACY:

That wasn't very nice to laugh at the man.

DAN:

He couldn't do any magic.

← mutters to himself :

I don't understand why I can't get this right.

SCENE 2: (CONTD)

STACY:

Haven't you ever failed  
at something you tried?

KARA:

Yes.....

STACY:

And has anybody ever  
laughed at you for  
failing?

KARA:

Yes..I hated it. But he's  
a grown up.

STACY:

That doesn't change  
things. Grownups can have  
their feeling hurt every  
bit as bad as a child's.  
Sometimes worse...When we  
grow up, we don't leave  
our feelings behind.

(SHE WALKS THEM TO THE PICTURE  
MACHINE.)

STACY:

I think there's something  
in here you both should  
have a look at.

SCENE 3

(VT: MUSIC VIDEO)

SCENE 4  
(WORKSHOP)

MR MAGIC:

I don't know what's  
happened to me Billy.

BILLY:

Do you feel the magic has  
left you?

MR MAGIC:

I don't seem to be able  
to do it anymore.

BILLY:

Maybe you try too hard.

(BILLY REACHES BEHIND MR MAGIC'S  
EAR AND PULLS OUT A BIG SILVER  
COIN)

BILLY: (CONTD)

Maybe it's easier than  
you think.

MR MAGIC:

How did you do that?

BILLY:

Long ago, you taught me.  
Remember?

(CUT TO:)

You were sick there for a while  
and got out of practice  
You need to build up that good old  
feeling of confidence you used to have  
Before you got sick

SCENE 5  
(MAINSET)

(VICKIE ENTERS. KIDS ARE BY THE  
TICKET BOOTH FEELING A LITTLE  
BADLY)

KARA:

Hi Vickie.

DAN:

Hi Vickie.

VICKIE:

Well well well what are  
you all so happy about?

KARA:

We hurt a magician's  
feelings.

VICKIE:

Oh, stop. I don't believe  
in that.

KARA:

You don't believe  
magicians have feelings?

VICKIE:

No, I don't believe in  
magicians. It's all  
stupid, phony, tricks.

DAN:

You don't believe in  
magic?

VICKIE:

I don't believe in magic.

MR C: (VO)

You don't believe in  
magic?!

SCENE 5: (CONTD)

VICKIE:

I just said I didn't..How  
did you do that?

KARA:

Do what?

VICKIE:

Just say, I don't believe  
in magic in a different  
voice without moving your  
lips...

MR C: (VO)

She didn't say it, I did.  
Are you absolutely certain  
you don't believe in  
magic?

(VICKIE LOOKS ALL AROUND. KARA AND  
DAN ATTEMPT TO HIDE THEIR LAUGHTER)

VICKIE:

Who said that?

MR C:

I did, Vickie. I can tell  
you one or two things  
about magic that are  
quite real.

VICKIE:

Cut it out you two.  
You're scaring me.

DAN:

We're not doing anything.

MR C:

Nothing to be scared of,  
Vickie.

(VICKIE COMES UPON MR CONDUCTOR  
STANDING INSIDE THE MAGICIAN'S TOP  
HAT)

SCENE 5: (CONTD)

MR C:

Are you sure you won't  
reconsider believing in  
magic?

(ADDRESSING DAN AND KARA:)

VICKIE:

It's a little man...

DAN:

It's Mr Conductor.

VICKIE:

Wait a  
second...neat..It's that  
doll that was in the  
Christmas tree..What, did  
you put batteries in him?

(VICKIE REACHES IN GRABBING MR C TO  
SEE WHERE THE BATTERIES GO)

MR C:

Stop it..Unhand me. Let  
go. I don't come with  
batteries!

(VICKIE JUMPS AWAY)

VICKIE:

Yipes..it's a REAL little  
man!

DAN:

We've been telling you.  
It's Mr Conductor.

KARA:

Now do you believe  
in magic?

VICKIE:

I do I do I do.

SCENE 5: (CONTD)

MR C:

It's nice to properly  
make your acquaintance,  
Vickie.

VICKIE:

Are you a magician?

MR C:

No. I am a loyal and  
trusted employee of the  
Railway system on the  
Isle of Sodor. But there  
is a magician here... *In Shady Vale Station*

KARA:

He's not very good...

MR C:

Now hold on. Don't you  
start giving up in people  
because they slop up now  
and then. If we did that,  
where would dear old  
Edward be?

- mess up*
- try something and fail
- don't do things perfectly every time

VICKIE:

Who's Edward?

DAN:

A train engine.

MR C:

I'll have to tell you  
about old Iron Edward...

(SPFX: THOMAS INTRO FX)

SCENE 6:

(VT: TTE, "OLD IRON")

SCENE 7:  
(MAINSET)

MR C:

You new timers just  
remember, don't sell us  
old timers short. We  
still have a lot of old  
tricks up our sleeves...

(SPFX: MR C POPS OUT)

(VICKIE IS AMAZED)

KARA:

Billy said that Mr Magic  
was a great magician.

DAN:

Maybe he was just tired.

(KARA TURNS)

KARA:

Look it's that reporter  
looking for a big story.

(JAKE SCOOP IS AT THE ENTRANCE. THE  
KIDS GO OVER)

KARA:

Hey mister. if you're  
still looking for a big  
story you should know a  
great magician is  
visiting here...

SCOOP:

Oh yeah, who's that?

DAN:

Mr Magic...right here.

(MR MAGIC COMES OUT OF BILLY'S  
OFFICE)

SCENE 7: (CONTD)

SCOOP:

Mr. Magic, huh...I've heard of you. You were traveling all over the world. What are you doing back here? Did something go wrong?

MR MAGIC:

Well....

DAN:

Nothing went wrong.

KARA:

He's the greatest. You should see him...

SCOOP:

I'd like to..say, how about putting on a little show for the town folks.

MR MAGIC:

Gee I don't know...

SCOOP:

Unless you are afraid...

DAN:

He's not afraid.

KARA:

He'll put on the best show you've ever seen ...won't you?

MR MAGIC:

Sure...yeah...okay...

SCOOP:

I'll go tell people...

Set put it in Headlines  
in our newspaper

SCENE 7: (CONTD)

(MR MAGIC, FEELING SELF CONSCIOUS,  
WALKS OVER TO THE ARCADE AREA WHERE  
HE LEFT HIS BAG. HE ATTEMPTS A TBD  
TRICK....AND BOTCHES IT.)

(LOST, HE DROPS A NICKEL IN THE  
JUKEBOX)

SCENE 8:  
(JUKEBOX)

TITO:

Okay gang...time for us  
to spin some of our own  
brand of magic and a 1  
and a 2 and a 1,2,3...

(PUPPET SONG: 900 MILES)

SCENE 9:  
(ARCADE)

(MR MAGIC LOOKS OVER AT THE KIDS  
AND SEES WITH SOME ALARM...)

MR MAGIC:

Hey....

(ANGLE ON: KIDS. THEY HAVE HIS BAG  
AND ARE GOING THROUGH IT. HE COMES  
RUSHING OVER.)

MR MAGIC:

*This is*  
Be careful there. These-  
are my special bag of  
tricks...

DAN:

We're sorry.

VICKIE:

We were just looking.

KARA:

Could you teach us a  
trick?

MR MAGIC:

Teach you something,  
huh...

(SHOWS THEM A TRICK TBA. AD LIB AND  
THEY CAN DO IT.)

MR MAGIC:

Now you keep working on  
that. I'll see you kids  
later.

(HE DEPARTS WITH HIS BAG BUT  
FORGETS HIS HAT. KARA SEES IT AND  
STARTS AFTER HIM WITH IT BUT OUT OF  
IT POPS MR C.)

KARA:

Mr Conductor, would you  
do a big favor?

SCENE 9: (CONTD)

MR C:

What would that be?

KARA:

If Mr Magic kinda screws up could you kinda help him out with your magic?

MR C:

I'm surprised in you Kara. Have faith in the man. If you believe he can do it, ~~he can do it.~~ Like Edward.

VICKIE:

The train engine?

MR C:

Exactly. If you believe in somebody, believe in them all the way.

VICKIE:

Tell me another story about Edward.

MR C:

*It will be an honor —*  
Very well...

(SPFX: THOMAS INTRO FX)

SCENE 10:

(VT: TTE, "EDWARD'S EXPLOITS")

SCENE 11:  
(WORKSHOP)

(MR MAGIC IS PEEKING OUT THE DOOR)

MR MAGIC:

The place is filling up  
with people. This wasn't  
a good idea. Suddenly, I  
get so nervous with  
people staring at me.

BILLY:

The kids were staring at you  
when you were teaching  
them that trick.

MR MAGIC:

That was different.

SCENE 12:  
(MAINSET)

(CHAIRS HAVE BEEN SET UP. PEOPLE ARE GATHERED. STACY SPOTS JAKE SCOOP.)

STACY:

Are you here to report on the show?

(BLOCKING OUT HEADLINE:)

SCOOP:

"Ace Reporter Covers Event" I have a feeling this guy might fall flat on his face. It'll be a sad story...but someone's got to tell it.

STACY:

A big part of magic is believing in magic. Do you believe in magic?

SCOOP:

I only believe in what I see.

STACY:

Look, the show's about to begin...

SCENE 13:  
(ARCADE: STEPS)

(SCHEMER IS THE MC. AN AUDIENCE IS  
GATHERED)

SCHEMER:

Hello, and welcome to the  
Shining Time Station, One  
and Only Show Time  
Extravaganza! I am your  
host, with the most, I  
hate to boast, but I'm  
better than toast.

(TO SCOOP)

Are you getting all this?  
Let me know if I'm going  
too fast for you...

(TO AUDIENCE)

So now onto the show  
where you will be  
receiving more  
entertainment than you  
people have ~~had~~ right to  
deserve, considering you  
didn't pay a cent to get  
in here...But I shall  
begin today's jolly  
festivities with a comic  
riddle...

(SCHEMER REFERS TO A 3 X 5 CARD)

Now what is green, and ~~has~~  
six legs, and if it drops  
out of a tree on your  
head, it'd squash you  
like a bug? I will tell  
you...

(VICKIE RAISES HER HAND)

VICKIE:

I know...a pool table.

(THE CROWD LAUGHS AND APPLAUDS  
VICKIE. VICKIE ACKNOWLEDGES THE  
APPLAUSE. FRUSTRATED, SCHEMER RIPS  
UP THE CARD WITH THAT JOKE ON IT.)

reunite?  
confusing?  
like a bug squashes you

SCENE 13: (CONTD)

SCHEMER:

Well thank you very much  
Miss Know-it-all.

(DAN RAISES HIS HAND)

SCHEMER:

What do you want?

DAN:

Does she win anything?

SCHEMER:

No, she doesn't win  
anything!

DAN:

But she got it right.

SCHEMER:

I don't care if she got  
it right. This isn't a  
game show! I'm trying to  
tell some jokes here. Now  
pay attention...and sit  
up straight...and no  
talking!

(CUT TO:)

SCENE 14:  
(WORKSHOP)

(BILLY TAKES A PEEK OUT OF THE DOOR)

BILLY:

I think they're ready for some real entertainment.

MR MAGIC:

I'm not ready. I can't do this.

BILLY:

Sometimes our gifts leave us for a little while. But they come back.

MR MAGIC:

When?

BILLY:

When we are willing to go out and search for them.

(BILLY OPENS THE DOOR FOR MR MAGIC.  
MR MAGIC TAKES A DEEP BREATH AND DECIDES TO DO IT.)

SCENE 15:  
(MAINSET)

(SCHEMER SEES MR MAGIC)

SCHEMER:

Well, it's about time you showed up. I can't carry this show all by myself you know, as much as they love me. So without further ado, here he is: Mr Magic.

(THEY PASS EACH OTHER)

SCHEMER: (CONTD)

Don't mess up.

(HE PAUSES BY THE KIDS)

KARA:

You'll do great.

(THE KIDS BEAM THEIR MOST HOPEFUL SMILES. HE BEGINS HIS ACT. HE LOOKS AT THE TRUSTING AND WILLING FACES LOOKING AT HIM. HE SEES BILLY STANDING IN THE BG. HE DOES HIS ACT, SHAKY AT FIRST BUT SURPRISES HIMSELF AND MUCH AS THE AUDIENCE WITH SUCCESSIVE TRICK TOPPING THE LAST.

(DISSOLVE TO:)

SCENE 16:  
(NEXT DAY-MAINSET)

(STACY ENTERS WAVING A NEWSPAPER)

STACY:

Hey everybody...there's a story in the paper about Mr Magic...listen to this...

(BILLY, DAN, KARA AND SCHEMER GATHER AROUND)

"people fortunate enough to be at Shining Time Station yesterday afternoon were treated to the rare talents of a World Class magician..."

BILLY:

He's back to his old self. And you all helped him. You believed in him.

SCHEMER:

Doesn't it say anything about me?

(STACY SCANS THE ARTICLE)

STACY:

No...wait..on here, "and otherwise perfect afternoon was almost ruined by a snarly man who yelled at us to be quiet and kept wanting us to give him money..." I guess he means you.

(DAN PUSHES UP HIS SLEEVE AND TAKES A COIN FROM BEHIND SCHEMER'S EAR)

SCHEMER:

Hey, where did you get that. Get more...and money you find behind my ears is mine! And my other ear...

*favorite*  
as a put down that he misunderstands as a compliment

SCENE 16: (CONT'D)

(KARA TRIES AND FINDS FEATHERS AND  
MORE FEATHERS.)

(FADE)